

ABSTRACT

A.D. Marble & Company of Conshohocken, Pennsylvania conducted an architectural resources survey and evaluation for proposed improvements to the US 113A and US 113/SR 1 Interchange in the community of Little Heaven and extending south to the intersection of Barratt's Chapel Road and SR 1. Little Heaven is located north of the town of Frederica in South Murderkill Hundred, Kent County, Delaware. The study is part of the SR 1 Corridor Capacity Preservation Program and was performed for Century Engineering, Inc. and the Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT). The intent of the proposed undertaking is to alleviate vehicle congestion on Bay Road (SR 1/US 113) and its intersections with Bowers Beach Road, Skeeter Neck Road, Mulberrie Point Road, Clapham Road (US 113A), and Barratt's Chapel Road.

The Preferred Alternative includes shifting the northbound lane of SR 1 to the east of the existing SR 1 roadway corridor. A second lane will be constructed to the east of the proposed northbound lane. This second lane will allow traffic traveling in the northbound lane of SR 1 to exit to US 113A northwest of the SR 1/Mulberrie Point Road intersection. Other areas of proposed improvements include: the intersection of Mulberrie Point Road and SR 1; the existing intersection of SR 1 and US 113A; and a section of the SR 1 south from the Bowers Beach Road intersection and extending to the intersection of Barratt's Chapel Road.

There were 41 sites surveyed in the in the project study area. Fourteen of these had been previously identified and of these, seven were found to be demolished, so survey update forms were completed for these properties. In addition, an eighth resource, the Appel Marine Property, was newly surveyed for this project but was demolished during the course of the project. The Jehu Reed House (Cultural Resource Survey (CRS) #K-137), was previously listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Although the Jehu Reed House has suffered some physical deterioration, the Jehu Reed House maintains good historic architectural integrity and A.D. Marble & Company advises that it will continue to meet the eligibility criteria established by the National Park Service (NPS) (NPS 1997). If the proposed undertaking produces visual and/or other indirect or direct impacts to the Jehu Reed House, a definitive National Register boundary may need to be established for this resource.

None of the other 40 resources had been previously evaluated for National Register eligibility. As a result of this survey, conducted in Fall and Winter 2003 and Spring and Summer 2004, the Mt. Olive School is recommended eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A and C. The remaining 39 properties are recommended not eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.